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## **Indiana Court Official to Lead National Court Organizations Lilia G. Judson Known for Commitment to Rule of Law, Principles of Justice**

**Williamsburg, Va. (Aug. 2, 2010)** — Lilia G. Judson, executive director of the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration, has been elected vice-chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). She also has been named president of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), a national organization that represents the top chief executives of the courts of the 50 states and the U.S. territories, and of which NCSC serves as executive staff. Both positions are one-year terms. The appointments were made at the National Center's Board of Directors meeting and the Conference of Chief Justices and COSCA Annual Conference, both of which were held during the last week of July in Vail, Colo.

"For more than 30 years, Lilly Judson has worked tirelessly to improve the justice system," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "Her commitment to the rule of law and the basic principles of justice and her fervent belief in equal access to justice for everyone has served as an example to her peers across the country, as evidenced by the trust placed in her to lead NCSC and COSCA."

As the manager of Indiana's judicial system for 13 years, Judson has overseen programs designed to promote the more efficient administration of justice and increase access to justice for the residents of Indiana. Her office has administrative responsibility over the state's trial courts, collects data on court volume and workload, and distributes state funding for court operations and programs. Judson also manages the staff of the Indiana Public Defender Commission and Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, among others, and oversees the \$100 million court-system budget. Some of the many accomplishments of her tenure as executive director include the launch of a statewide case management system, the implementation of technology training for judges, and the establishment of a court interpreter program.

Prior to becoming executive director, Judson served the Division of State Court Administration in several capacities, first as assistant director from 1977-86 and later as chief deputy to the executive director from 1986-97. Before joining the Supreme Court staff, she was executive secretary of the Indiana Judicial Study Commission for one year and the Commission's legislative analyst from 1972-76.

In addition to her volunteer activities with NCSC and COSCA, Judson currently serves as the executive secretary of the Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and is on the Indiana Judicial Technology and Automation Committee and Governing Board. She also is a member of the Council of State Governments Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Public Safety and Justice Task Force.

Judson, who didn't speak English when she immigrated to the U.S. from Bulgaria with her family at the age of 12, earned a bachelor's in political science from Indiana University and a juris doctor from Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

*The Conference of State Court Administrators is comprised of the chief executives of the court systems in each state, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. The conference is committed to strengthening the judicial branch by improving the quality of state courts and increasing the public's trust and confidence in the justice system.*

*The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit court reform organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. Founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, NCSC provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.*

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